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News worth sharing.

Knights welcome Domi

- Team acquires Max Domi — taken 8th in 2011 OHL draft — from Kingston Frontenacs
- Training camp opened yesterday

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"We both have hands, but I use them for a little bit different (purpose) — I like to score goals."

In one succinct statement, 16-year-old Max Domi was able to differentiate his style of play from his former NHL enforcer father Tie, and also let London know what to expect as he embarks on his rookie season in the OHL.

The Knights got Domi from Kingston for two second-round draft picks in 2012 and one third-round pick in 2015. General manager Mark Hunter was eager to add Domi to the roster.

"He's a great player. He's got great skill and he works his tail off on the ice," Hunter said. "More importantly, he's contagious about winning, and wanting to win, and finding ways to win, which you can't have enough of in your organization."

Domi was introduced at a news conference yesterday at the John Labatt Centre where he also modelled the Knights' new third jersey. He knows the transition from minor hockey to major junior will contain a learning curve.

"(My dad said), 'You're going to face some adversity and you're going to have to battle through that,'" Domi said. "That's what makes you a good player — being able to go through those bumps in the road and be able to recover from them."

KNIGHTS OWNER AND COACH DALE HUNTER ON CONCUSSIONS IN HOCKEY. {page 3}

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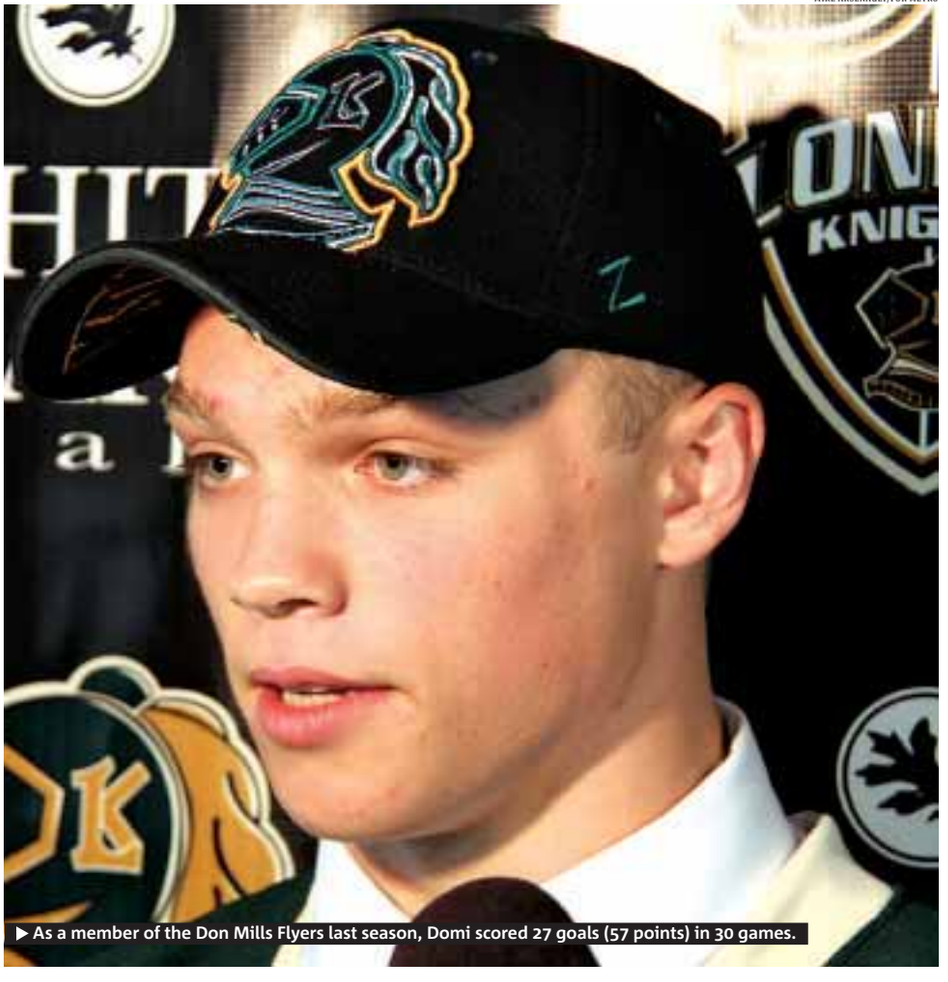

▶ As a member of the Don Mills Flyers last season, Domi scored 27 goals (57 points) in 30 games.

Perry sticks with what works

Reigning NHL MVP Corey Perry is not one to rest on the laurels of last season's success.

"Every season you come into, you have to prove yourself," Perry said at the Knights' news conference yesterday.

"Everything's not going to be exactly as it ended last year, so you have to adjust."

That being said, Perry kept things the same when it came to his off-season conditioning program.

"Same trainer, same ice times, same group of guys I was around all the time. You don't want to change what's worked in the past," he said.

Perry, a member of the 2005 Memorial Cup champion Knights, is hoping the Ducks can build on their late season success last year in 2011-12.

"We finished last season on a roll and we have to be ready to come out of the gate and not get behind the eight ball right away.

MIKE ARSENAULT

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▶ Corey Perry

New season

The 2011-12 season marks the 10th anniversary of play for the Knights in the JLC.

- The first on-ice session of the 2011 training camp will have 80 players in attendance.
- Camp will run for three days with two full days of scrimmages open to the public today and tomorrow.
- The Knights host the Sarnia Sting on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the JLC to open their pre-season schedule. Tickets are available at londonknights.com.

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First Fridays pick up steam

Three participants considered 'big players' Organizer wants the event to bring thousands downtown

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The city's First Friday event is making a push eastward.

Three groups — the London Potters Guild, 664 Dundas St.; The Arts Project, 203 Dundas St.; and The Metropolitan Market, 140 Dundas St. — have signed on to participate. They'll make their debut from 5p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

Getting businesses and organizations outside Richmond Row involved in First Fridays has been a major goal for Brad Scrinko, a driving force behind the event and owner of Gift of Art, 575 Richmond St.

"I've heard from other cities who (have First Friday events) … that once it gets rolling it really rolls," Scrinko said. "I think we're getting to that point."

First Fridays started last October as a way to draw people downtown on — you guessed it — the first Friday of every month.

Participating businesses offer up something special during each event. That something, Scrinko said, could range from musicians outside the door to the launch of a new clothing line or product.

> **"The hope is it becomes contagious and other businesses jump on board."**
> BRAD SCRINKO, GIFT OF ART OWNER

Scrinko bills First Fridays as the perfect date night for couples — leave work, change clothes and then hop downtown for a bite to eat, a stroll through participating stores and then keep things going past 9 p.m. at a club.

"Once a month it's an excuse to go out," Scrinko said. "Here's your excuse to kind of have some fun."

In the first few months, only a handful of Richmond Row businesses were participating, Scrinko said.

Now, about 30 have signed on, excluding the newest additions.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

▶ Jordan Scott of London works on a traditional Greek pot yesterday at the London Clay Arts Centre, 664 Dundas St. The centre, owned and operated by the London Potters Guild, has signed on to be part of the First Friday event.

Strike could impact college school year

The union representing support staff at Ontario's community colleges says it has little hope of reaching a deal with the schools in time to avoid a strike.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, which represents about 8,000 support staff, says the two sides have agreed on some details but not major sticking points such as job security and wages.

The unionized workers, which include cleaners, food service staff and registration officers, will legally be able to strike at 12:01 a.m. Thursday.

> **"At this rate, I'm not optimistic that a settlement can be reached."**
> WARREN (SMOKEY) THOMAS, OPSEU PRESIDENT

A strike could compromise the new school year set to start next week, and a student group has urged the schools to do whatever they can to stay open.

Bargainers for the province's 24 colleges last week offered support staff annual salary increases and no benefit cuts.

The union has been seeking a three per cent annual wage increase and job protection against the schools' use of part-time and temporary hires.

Negotiations picked up Monday, but "the prognosis is not good," OPSEU president, Warren (Smokey) Thomas said in a news conference in Toronto.

Union members voted last month to give negotiators the option to call a strike.

The last time the support workers went on strike was in 1979.

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News in brief

Most teachers back on job: Report

After announcing more than 100 layoffs, the London District Catholic School Board will be bringing back nearly all of its teachers for the start of the school year.

A new report says 81 of the 116 teachers threatened with layoffs will be recalled to permanent position.

Another 32 will be given "long-term" positions.

The last time the board issued layoff notices was 1997. AM980/AM980.CA

No more tweets from mayor imposter

The person posing as a tweeting Mayor Joe Fontana has been ousted. Elaine Gamble, the city's director of corporate communications, confirmed yesterday that @MayorFontana has been disabled.

The account violated Twitter's rules regarding impersonation, according to an e-mail Gamble received from the company. The fake Fontana's account used a picture of the mayor, listed city hall's address and included the URL for the city's website. METRO

Supplies. For Students

▶ From left, Maxine Ridgewell, donations assistant with the Thames Valley District School board; Jenny Couse, assistant with the Thames Valley Education Foundation; and Natalie Trimble, program co-ordinator for Supplies for Students.

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Backpacks for students in need

At last count, student volunteers had filled more than 1,400 backpacks and are well on their way to surpassing their goal of 1,500 before school starts next week. Supplies for Students provides filled backpacks to kids in need.

Housing project to open doors

Seniors' complex, retail space to open in former Centretown Mall ◗ Project been in works since 2009

ANGELA MULLINS
FOR METRO

The first phase of a seniors' housing complex in Old East Village will be open in less than a year.

Developer Jens Stickling, president of Westany Holdings in London, said Centretown's six retail storefronts and 12 walkup apartments will be ready for tenants by June.

The second phase of the 637 Dundas St. development — a nine-story apartment tower — is expected to be finished by November. Rent will start at $570 a month.

72
The number of units planned for the housing complex.

Stickling and elected officials were at the development yesterday for a ceremonial groundbreaking.

The affordable housing complex is being built with financial support from the municipal, provincial and federal governments, Stickling said.

Stickling said developments such as his are the kinds of "seeds that need to be planted to get critical mass to revitalize" downtown.

Hockey is minimizing concussions: Hunter

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There's been a lot of talk in hockey lately about concussions and their lingering effects, and whether it's time fighting be banned from the game.

"I don't know about that," said Dale Hunter, owner and coach of the London Knights. "It's in the rules — fighting has been part of hockey for 90 years."

For 19 of those years, Hunter was a willing participant in that part of hockey in the NHL. Just 5-foot-10 but 200 pounds, in many ways Hunter was a concussion on skates, throwing his weight around (as well as a few lefts and rights) on his way to accumulating 3,563 penalty minutes — second all-time behind Tiger Williams. Consider him an expert on rugged play.

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▶ Dale Hunter

Speaking at yesterday's Knights news conference at the JLC, Hunter says hockey has done a good job in minimizing concussions, especially at the junior level.

He points to the OHL commissioner's initiatives to penalize head shots.

"Oh yeah. Dave Branch brought it in, he did a great job," said Hunter. "I've got to give credit to him — he was ahead of a lot of other people, other leagues doing it."

As for fighting, Hunter says it's not as much of an issue as it was in his haymaking days.

"It's gone down significantly," he said. "There's no bench-clearing brawls any more, there's none of that stuff.

"With no holding in the neutral zone now, it's a fast hockey game out there. And if you watch it live, you can't believe how fast it is. It's good hockey now."

By the rules

The OHL rule book says "the act of checking an opponent to the head in any manner" warrants at least a minor penalty.

Be careful where you buy smokes

The National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco has launched an ad campaign to raise consumer awareness of the harms that result from buying contraband tobacco. The coalition says recent studies of tobacco use in the London area found that more than one in four cigarettes consumed were illegal, which supports gang activity. METRO

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Riot investigation given high-tech spin

Vancouver police encourage public to log on to new website and help identify suspected rioters

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Vancouver police are asking the public to help them bring hundreds of suspects from the June 15 Stanley Cup riot to justice through a new interactive website (riot2011.vpd.ca).

Insp. Les Yeo of the riot investigation team said they have posted 40 photos of suspected rioters on the website in the hopes the public can identify them.

Yeo said police will be adding 100 more photos in the coming weeks so investigators won't be overwhelmed and will have enough time for a thorough investigation.

"You get one kick at the can and that's why we need to take our time to ensure these suspects, these accused, don't evade justice."
POLICE CHIEF JIM CHU

Police Chief Jim Chu also again defended the VPD over the lack of charges stemming from the incident. He said police are taking their time to collect evidence to make sure that people are held accountable to the full extent of their involvement during the riots.

"We don't get two chances at this," Chu said. "We can't charge (suspects with) rioting and then say, 'Hey, your honour, we found some more information three months later. Can we charge [them] with rioting again?' "

Chu added 42 people have already turned themselves in, and police are investigating 1,100 names of people who may have been involved in the riots. Still no charges have been laid.

An independent report into the riot is expected to be released tomorrow by former head of VANOC John Furlong and former Nova Scotia deputy justice minister Doug Keefe.

Eid. Holiday

▶ A young boy watches as men pray during the Muslim Association of Canada's Eid celebration at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre yesterday.

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Ramadan wraps with Eid festivities

Eid Al-Fitr marks an end to the holy month of Ramadan. Thousands of area Muslims attended the 26th annual event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and other celebrations throughout the region yesterday.

41 Regionally, there was marked disagreement only in Quebec, where 41 per cent approved of the idea and 46 per cent were against it.

Approval for military name change

Restoring the traditional names of the navy and air force has the support of a majority of Canadians, a new poll suggests.

A survey by The Canadian Press/Decima found that 56 per cent of respondents agreed with the change and 31 per cent opposed it.

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WERE SCREENED FOR 2 DISEASES.
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News in brief

Child survives cougar attack

UCLUELET, B.C. An 18-month-old child is recovering in hospital after a cougar attack inside Vancouver Island's Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Renee Wissink, manager of resource conservation at the park, said the attack occurred at about 6 p.m. Monday on the beach of a popular day-use area at Kennedy Lake, some 16 kilometres east of the community of Ucluelet.

The toddler is now listed in serious condition at Vancouver's Children's Hospital.

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Clerk charged with lottery fraud

WINNIPEG. A Winnipeg man is facing serious fraud charges after he allegedly held onto a customer's lottery ticket that ended up being worth $90,000.

Police said the employee went to the WCLC on Aug. 2 claiming to be the winner.

The employee has been charged with theft under $5,000 and fraud over $5,000.

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Power returns to Goderich

GODERICH, ONT. Most people can turn on the lights again in Goderich, Ont.

Mayor Deb Shewfelt says electricity has been restored to just about all functioning buildings after a tornado hit the community on Lake Huron on Aug. 21.

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Thieves use chainsaw to cut down church sign

A tiny church for Ethiopian immigrants outside of Halifax has been hit again by vandals, the latest occurance seeing their sign cut down with a chainsaw.

There have been two or three minor vandalism incidents since St. Gebriel Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Hammonds Plains opened more than a year ago, but the latest incident has gone too far, said Deacon Les Zewdie.

At around 10:30 p.m. Monday night, several people got out of a van and revved up a chainsaw.

They cut down the church's sign, threw it in the back of the van and took off.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said it appears planning was involved.

"There have been minor complaints of vandalism in the past — but definitely this is a unique occurrence," he said. "There's obviously more to the story."

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Gadhafi's mystery daughter

Evidence mounts the exiled leader faked the death of his daughter Libyans believe Gadhafi wanted to garner sympathy and foster hatred towards the West

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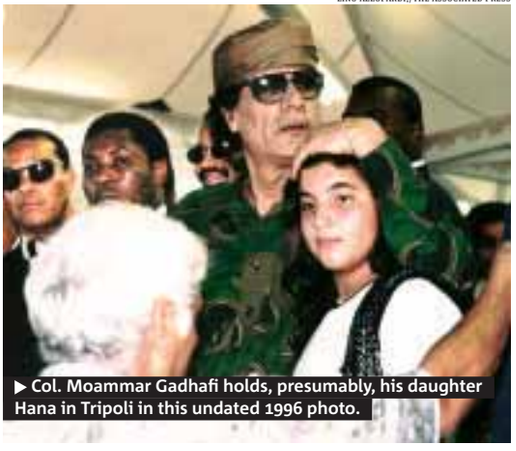

▶ Col. Moammar Gadhafi holds, presumably, his daughter Hana in Tripoli in this undated 1996 photo.

Since the rebel takeover of Tripoli, evidence has been mounting that Moammar Gadhafi may have lied about the death of his adopted baby daughter Hana in a 1986 U.S. airstrike.

The strike hit Gadhafi's home in retaliation for the Libyan-sponsored bombing of a Berlin nightclub earlier that year that killed two U.S. servicemen. At the time, Gadhafi showed American journalists a picture of a dead baby and said it was his adopted daughter Hana — the first public mention that she even existed. Diplomats almost immediately questioned the claim. But Gadhafi kept the story alive through the years.

But when Libyan rebels took over last week, they found a room in Gadhafi's home with Hana's birth certificate and pictures of a young woman with the name "Hana" written on the back, possible indications that she lived beyond infancy.

Many Libyans believe Hana was never killed and talked about her existence openly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rebel orders

The rebels are tightening their grip on Libya after a military blitz and have taken several steps to ensure control.

- **Libyan rebels issued an** ultimatum yesterday to Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte: surrender this weekend or face an attack.
- **There has been** speculation that the dictator is seeking refuge in Sirte or one of the other remaining regime strongholds, among them the towns of Bani Walid or Sabha.
- **Rebels also demanded** that Algeria return Gadhafi's wife and three of his children, who fled there Monday.
- **They also insisted they are** slowly restoring order in war-torn Tripoli by deploying police and collecting garbage.

News in brief

Passenger gets revenge on boy

INJURY. San Diego police say a boy throwing rocks at vehicles was struck in the abdomen by a crossbow bolt fired by a passenger in small sport utility vehicle.

The boy was shot in the abdomen and was taken to a hospital. The San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper says his injuries are not life-threatening. His name and age weren't released. Nobody has been arrested.
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Israel ramps up security

MILITARY. Israel sent two more warships to the Red Sea border with Egypt, the military said yesterday, as part of military reinforcement.

Earlier this week, Israel's military ordered more troops to the border area, days after militants crossed into Israel through the Egyptian border and killed eight Israelis in a brazen attack that touched off a wave of violence between Israel and militants in the Gaza Strip.
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Greek prisoners almost escaped

JAIL BREAK. Officials at Greece's largest prison say they have prevented an escape by discovering a 10-metre-long tunnel dug by an alleged murderer and two other inmates awaiting trial for burglary.

The inmates allegedly cut through the wall and dug the tunnel using mostly makeshift tools. The tunnel was discovered late Monday.
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Gadhafi's other daughter gives birth

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▶ Aisha Gadhafi waits before making a speech in Cairo in this photo taken April 28, 2005.

Hunted throughout her homeland and forced to flee into exile across a dangerous desert border, the daughter of ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi paused somewhere in the Sahara to have a baby.

The dramatic birth of Gadhafi's granddaughter, after her mother and other relatives escaped Libyan territory into Algeria, lends a human dimension to the dictator's downfall and the ongoing mystery of his whereabouts. The birth in exile was disclosed by the Algerian Health Ministry yesterday.

Algeria's U.N. Ambassador, Mourad Benmehidi Benmehidi, said the country allowed them to enter for "humanitarian considerations." Algerian news reports had said Aisha's pregnancy was one reason for the country's controversial decision to take the family in.

An Algerian newspaper reported that the exiles, who also included an unknown number of Gadhafi's grandchildren by his eight children, had waited 12 hours to receive authorization to cross the Algerian border from President Abdelaziz Bouteflika — while Aisha was in labour.

Libya's interim government criticized Algeria's decision and demanded that Algiers hand them over for trial in Libya.

The departure of Gadhafi's family was one of the strongest signs yet that he has lost his grip on Libya after 42 years in power.
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Violent protests erupt in South Africa

Supporters of South Africa's firebrand youth leader are the latest political salvo in a power struggle that could determine the future of South Africa's president and the man who helped catapult him to power — youth league chief Julius Malema.

Demonstrators burned flags of the ruling African National Congress and ran through the streets of downtown Johannesburg holding up flaming T-shirts bearing the image of President Jacob Zuma.

When the protesters began lobbing stones and bottles, police detonated stun grenades and turned water cannons on the crowd of thousands.
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No more limits to new domain names

Web addresses could soon be more personalized and funky But search engines still look for .com

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Forget the old-fashioned web suffix ".com"— coming up with eccentric names to make websites catchier and easier to remember is the new trend on the Internet.

Icann, the global internet body that creates new web addresses, announced it will be taking applications next year for domain suffixes of almost any word and in any language.

From the current 22 domain endings available, websites ending with the adverb-sounding ".ly", the broadcast-hinting ".tv" or the captivating ".me" are now the hippest choice.

"Businesses always need quirky names that are easy to spell and to remember. If you come up with a more brandable name for your website, then you should go for it," marketing expert Andrew Girdwood from global digital media company bigmouthmedia told Metro.

As Girdwood explains, the downside is that websites ending in .ly — the country code domain for Libya — are designated as formal property of Libya's state-controlled telecommunications corporation, whose status is uncertain due to unrest in the region.

Montenegro has arguably the coolest-sounding ccTLD (country code top-level domain) with .me. Indeed, it has been a real gold mine for a country born only in 2006. According to Hosterstats.com, more than 500,000 .me domains have been registered, so far.

"A great quirky domain can work really well. But I don't envisage most established companies moving their primary web presence away from .com any time soon."
WILL CRITCHLOW, DISTILLED SEARCH MARKETING COMPANY

Yet despite the rise in trendy domain names, old habits die hard, as major online search engines still favour the old-fashioned.

"Dot-tv sounds perfect for a broadcasting company, but for search engine optimization, the dot-com is more popular," Mick Say, an expert at England's Online Marketing Academy, tells Metro.

"If a person is searching the Internet for a service or a global business, Google gives priority to the dot-com extension. It tells the search engine that 'I want to be known internationally as an international business.'"

Brazil. Greenpeace protest

▶ A Greenpeace activist helps a person dressed as a whale covered in oil during a protest at the headquarters of oil company Perenco, yesterday, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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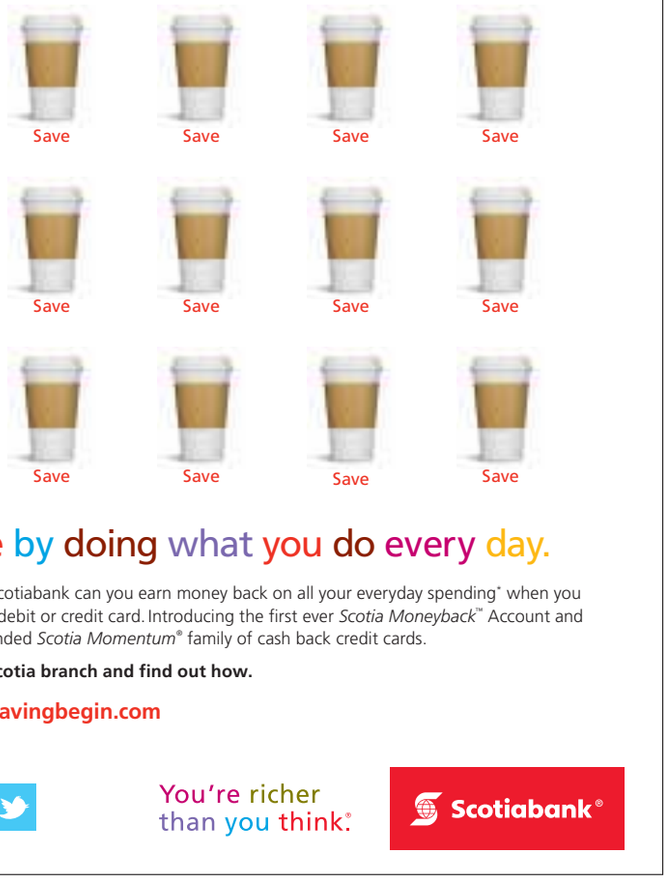
Sticky situation for oil firm

Greenpeace is demanding that Anglo-French oil company Perenco, and other companies, stop their exploration in Abrolhos, a large mating area for humpback whales off the coast of Brazil.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Economy may be stalling

Economists widely expect that the Canadian economy stalled in the second quarter and may have even contracted slightly amid the global economic slowdown.

"It is going to be a hair within positive or negative, but the balance is slightly tilted to the negative," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said yesterday.

"Either way, it is essentially a flat profile for the economy."

Statistics Canada is expected to report the country's second-quarter gross domestic product results this morning, and a reading that economic growth was slower or even reversed course a little would indicate the economy is still struggling to throw off the effects of the recession.

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Emails to be evidence in Facebook lawsuit

The New York man suing for part ownership of Facebook must give lawyers for the social networking company access to all his emails dating to 2003.

A federal judge yesterday denied Paul Ceglia's request to delay Facebook's access to his emails so he could voice his objections in court. Ceglia's lawyer had made the request in a filing late Monday, hoping to protect Ceglia's privacy.

Ceglia claims he made a deal with Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in 2003 that entitles him to half ownership of the $50 billion company.

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Consumer confidence drops in U.S.

A private research group says that American consumers' confidence in the economy in August dropped almost 15 points to its lowest level in two years.

The reading came as worries about the economy fuelled the wildest stock market swings since the financial meltdown in 2008.

The Conference Board says that its consumer confidence index dropped to the lowest level since April 2009.

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VANCOUVER'S NEW RANK REEKS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
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Vancouver: the world's most liveable city – NOT!

There is no joy in latté land today with the news that the Economist Intelligence Unit has demoted Vancouver, for years the most liveable city atop its list, to third, behind Melbourne and Vienna.

Even worse news? Toronto and Calgary are 4th and 5th, hot on our heels.

Oddly, the stupid Stanley Cup riot played no role in the demotion, although it may hit us where we rank. The reason for this year's demotion: a brief closure of the Malahat Highway due to a tanker spill in April led to a fractional reduction in infrastructure points, enough to allow Melbourne and Vienna to surge ahead.

Melbourne? Wasn't that the place that was hit with devastating floods earlier this year?

"What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver."

What's really puzzling is that the Malahat Highway is on Vancouver Island. Which is elsewhere. You have to take a ferry to get to Vancouver Island. All told, that's about a four to four-and-a-half hour trip from Vancouver. I would wager that many of the people who live in Metro Vancouver have no idea where the Malahat Highway is and have never been on it. It's relevant if you live in Victoria, which, like Vancouver, starts with a "V", but that's about it.

So you have to wonder about the Economist Intelligence Unit and its whole World's Most Liveable City project. The problem is there was no wondering when Vancouver was on top of the list. We just sat back, relaxed, and gloated.

Even when it rained 40 days and 40 nights. Even as it took a king's ransom to buy a rundown bungalow in Kerrisdale. Even as we rolled up the tinted windows on the SUV to avoid being tainted by the Downtown East Side. So now it's not going to do us much good to cast aspersions on the intelligence of the Intelligence Unit.

Meanwhile, Toronto and Calgary are flexing their gloating muscles. They can hardly wait for next year's list, when the EIU takes the riot into account. I'm not sure I'll have the strength to carry on if Calgary turns out to be more liveable than Vancouver.

There's one thing I do know. I'd rather live in Toronto, or even (gasp) Calgary than in one of the cities at the bottom of the list, although they say #140: last place Harare, Zimbabwe, is nice this time of year.

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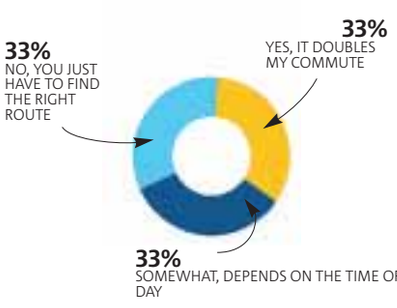

Local tweets

- **@RachFee:** Traffic seems unusually heavy today. #ldnont
- **@KrystinaStuppPH:** Downtown #ldnont doesn't seem busy.. ;-/
- **@jeffsage:** Time to welcome more than 7,000 @fanshawecollege students back to #ldnont cause they rule.
- **@SteveatGoodLife:** Should there be a Twitter back channel from councillors in the midst of a city council debate and vote? #LDNont
- **@dobeirn:** New poles on the #uwo bridge? As if it wasn't narrow enough already...
- **@CarolineMarsonn:** Spendinnnn the day in londy londy. 5 more days tillllll I be spending eryday there. #uwo
- **@BHRaymond:** Welcome to #ldnont Max Domi!
- **@StoneHunter77:** Love this time of year...the smell if ice going in all around us #hockeysback @tsnjamesduthie #Ldnont
- **@AndsHorvs:** Oh shooooooot. 1 week. #uwo #mixedfeelings
- **@kevinwardrop:** Taking the dog over to the Dog park on Adelaide, beautiful day in #ldnont

Letters

Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent recently announced new regulations for limiting emissions for any new coal-fired power plants that will be built in Canada starting July 2015.

While framed as legislation that Kent claims will act as "the equivalent of taking eight million cars off Canadian roads" this legislation falls drastically short of an effective level of environmental protection for two central reasons: Firstly, the legislation essentially gives existing plants licence to continue to pollute; secondly, it allows Maxim Power to build a new 500-megawatt coal plant in Alberta before the July deadline, thereby escaping the new regulations.

If we are serious about protecting the future of our precious natural resources, as well as that of our children as well as our planet, we need to stop investing in coal power and setting mediocre standards that do more to appease corporate citizenship than Canadian citizens, and we need to do this NOW, before it is truly too late.

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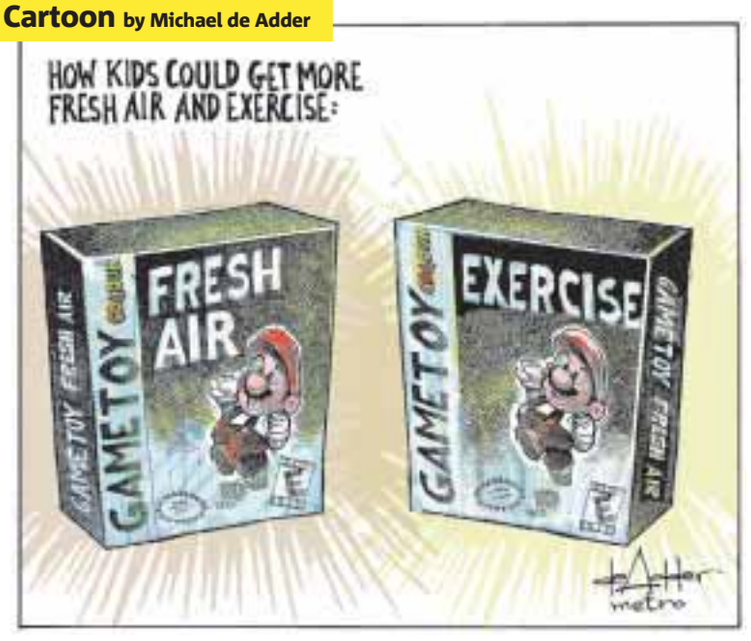

WEIRD NEWS

Snakes on a plane attempt an epic fail

U.S. officials say a man tried to board a flight from Miami to Brazil with bags of exotic snakes and tortoises stuffed in his pants.

Transportation Security Administration spokesman Jonathon Allen says the man was stopped after passing through a body scanner at Miami International Airport last week.

Security officials spotted the nylon bags filled with seven snakes and three tortoises hidden in the man's pants.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper reports the animals were taken by the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The unidentified passenger was arrested.

It's not the only time someone has tried to smuggle snakes on a TAM Airlines flight, the paper reported.

In 1996, a woman attempted to sneak 75 live snakes inside her bra in Sweden, according to the Sentinel. And, in 2007, a man tried to smuggle a tiny monkey under his shirt on a flight from Fort Lauderdale, the paper said.

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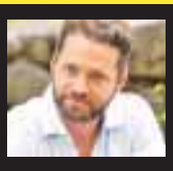

Canuck stars Jason Priestley, Catherine O'Hara, Hugh Dillon and Alan Thicke are among the celebs set to appear at the Gemini Awards next month. Dillon's cop series Flashpoint leads the drama nominees with 17 nods while Priestley's racy program Call Me Fitz leads the sitcoms with 16. Priestley says he's thrilled to see widespread recognition for his Nova Scotia-based cast and crew and is looking forward to the celebration in Toronto. Before the broadcast, comic Tom Green will host a behind-the-scenes show online called the Tom Green Room, featuring celeb interviews. The Geminis celebrate the best of Canadian television with a gala Sept. 7 hosted by comic Russell Peters.
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Ed O'Neill to get Hollywood Walk of Fame star in front of shoe store, event features TV wives.

With summer coming to an end, it's the perfect time for a movie to scare you off the beach Here to do it is Shark Night 3D, from Snakes on a Plane director David Ellis

STEVE DIETL

Alyssa Diaz stars in Shark Night 3D.

What lurks below

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Metro recently caught up with Shark Night 3D director David Ellis and one of the flick's stars, American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee, to see what secrets about the film they're willing to spill.

What can you tell us, without giving too much away, about Shark Night 3D?
David Ellis: There's sharks in it (laughs). It's really weird. And a lot of the movie takes place at night.
Katharine McPhee: I'm in it.
DE: Kat's in it.
KM: My character's name is Beth. That's all I know.

David, you're no stranger to genre movies. What's the appeal of them as a filmmaker?
DE: For me, I think it's just fun to be able to entertain people — for them to be able to go an escape from everything crazy that's going on in the world for an hour and a half and go have fun, to kind of scare them and make them laugh and make them cry, and just kind of play with their emotions.
KM: You like making people cry.

Were you afraid of sharks before you made the movie?
KM: I'm one of those people who, especially as a kid, would spend hours in the ocean swimming. I love swimming. But always in the back of my head there was that fear of a shark coming and getting you. I could say that, yeah, this has definitely made it a little bit more of a threat.
DE: For me, I grew up in the ocean as well — my whole life in Malibu — and I'm aware of them, you respect them. But you have a better chance of getting hit by a coconut than getting killed by a shark. But it's a primal fear for people.
KM: It's just not a way you want to go. There's a couple other ways I could think of wanting to go other than sharks.

Movie review

The Debt
Genre: Thriller/Drama
Director: John Madden
Stars: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington and Tom Wilkinson

The Debt is an espionage story with a twist. In 1996 retired Mossad agents Rachel, David and Stefan (Helen Mirren, Ciarán Hinds and Tom Wilkinson) are heroes, acclaimed for their brave capture and execution of a notorious war criminal in 1966.

In flashback we meet the same characters played by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington, learn the personal dynamics of the mission and the key to a long held secret.

The flashback sequence makes up the bulk of the film so it's fair to say this isn't Helen Mirren's film, but her character Rachel's. Unusual for a spy movie, the story is told through the eyes of a woman but that adds depth to what is essentially a pulpy spy story.
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Jolie sets baby bump record straight

Rumours of secret wedding and another baby en route make headlines

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Angelina Jolie

With all the speculation going around about her family life, Angelina Jolie wants to clear a few things up.

"I'm not pregnant. I'm not adopting at the moment," Jolie tells Vanity Fair. She added that there is no "secret wedding" planned for her and Brad Pitt.

Jolie is more concerned with her directorial debut,

In the Land of Blood and Honey, and says that Pitt tried his best to be helpful during the making of the project.

"He'd come in and say what he liked or what he didn't understand," she says.

"Like any woman, I would listen to most of it and fight a few things. He's been so supportive.

But it's hard to separate the person that loves you from the critic, so I don't think he's a fair judge."

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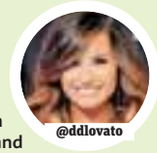
Celebrity tweets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"Guess what, I'm healthy and happy, and if you're hating on my weight you obviously aren't. "

@lindsaylohan

"@chrisbrown wanna meet?"

@RuPaul

"OMG! Can U imagine if Madonna won Best Director for "W.E."?"

@JimCarrey

"We are plagued by earthquakes tornados and hurricanes lately. Is it the end of times or just God's way of getting rid of the bankers?"

Kate opens up about blaze at Branson's home

Kate Winslet is finally breaking her silence about her harrowing escape from a recent house fire on Richard Branson's private Caribbean island.

"I'm just glad that everyone is safe, "Winslet told Entertainment Tonight recently.

"And this easily could not have been the case."

She gives credit to her host for making the most of the terrifying situation.

"I will never forget Richard placing his arms around both my children as we were watching the flames, and saying, 'At the end of the day, what you realize is that all that matters is the people that you love. Everything else is just stuff. And none of that stuff matters,'" Winslet remembers of the emotional day.

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Winslet

Lindsay's bro receives threatening calls

Lindsay Lohan's 15-year-old brother, Cody Lohan, hasn't been having the best summer.

The teen has reportedly been receiving threatening phone calls that were unsettling enough for him to call 911, according to reports from TMZ.

Cody reported to police that the caller was threatening to "harm him," law enforcement sources say.

There was some questions raised about who was watching the teenage brother of star Linsday.

Reports indicated his mother, Dina Lohan, was still in Los Angeles at the time after attending the recent, high-profile wedding of socialite Kim Kardashian.

Sources have since told the celebrity-driven website that Cody is "under proper care now."

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Lindsay Lohan

Garfield fears big fame

Andrew Garfield says the only thing that made him nearly say no to being the new Spider-Man was the movie star status that would come with it.

"That was absolutely the one thing I questioned. I thought about it for a month, constantly," he tells the L.A. Times.

"It terrifies me. I just saw that I was given an opportunity to play a part that I've been wanting to play since I was a two-year-old. I don't want the rest of it.

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Matthew Fox detained by police

Matthew Fox

Lost star Matthew Fox was detained by police in Cleveland after an altercation outside a bar with a female bus driver, according to TMZ.

The driver, Heather Borman, says a clearly inebriated Fox was trying to the party bus she was driving, though he wasn't a part of the group who had rented it.

"He just kept staring at me with his mouth wide open and not saying anything. I told him, 'You have to leave buddy. You are trespassing on my bus,'" Borman says.

She added that Fox then "leaned in and started punching my crotch and breast."

Borman struck back, punching Fox in the face and splitting his lip, which deterred the actor.

Borman says she was acting in self-defence.

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Soderbergh to leave film behind?

Steven Soderbergh admits he is considering leaving filmmaking behind.

"I'm interested in exploring another art form while I have the time and ability to do so," he tells the New York Times. "I'll be the first person to say if I can't be any good at it and run out of money I'll be back making another Ocean's movie."

The filmmaker says earlier this year he told Matt Damon about his plans during a "drunk" chat.

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Guided hikes reveal Niagara's geology

A series of guided fall hikes along Ontario's long-distance Bruce Trail will explore the geology of the Niagara Escarpment. Seven locations on the trail are highlighted, including Waterdown, the Credit River valley, the Nottawasaga Bluffs and the Bruce Peninsula on Georgian Bay. A walk in the Caledon area, 60 kilometres northwest of downtown Toronto, will find geological evidence — including coral reefs and mud deltas — from the Upper Ordovician, Lower Silurian and Middle Silurian periods, hundreds of millions of years ago, say organizers. Dubbed "Geology 101 on Foot," the walks are a fundraising project to support the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The trail stretches almost 900 kilometres from Queenston, near Niagara Falls, to Tobermory..

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Yankee mag offers foliage app and annual fall issue for New England leaf-peepers

Prepare for a scare at Halifax haunts

Ghost stories and sightings abound at Halifax's most popular tourist sites

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▶ Visitors claim to have seen ghosts in the garrison cells at Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

With its long history of disasters and shipwrecks, there is an air of tragedy that hangs over Halifax, not unlike the dense fog that often rolls in from its harbour.

Though the port city has long established itself as a down-home, good-time burg — a place to unwind to a toe-tapping Celtic tune and a dram of whisky — those thirsty for spirits of the paranormal kind won't be disappointed.

One of Halifax's most infamous spooky sites is the Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill, perched on the bustling corner of Carmichael and Argyle Streets. Having once served as a mortuary, it's perhaps not surprising that the 194-year-old structure is equally known for its hauntings as well as its halibut.

The four-storey, brick-and-wood building opened in 1816 as a schoolhouse and was eventually taken over by a local family and turned into a funeral home.

It became the last stop of sorts for victims of two significant disasters of the 20th century — the sinking of the Titanic off Newfoundland in April 1912 and the Halifax Explosion of 1917. The explosion occurred when a supply vessel and a munitions ship collided in the harbour, killing 2,000 people and leaving some 9,000 injured.

Shane Robilliard, the Five Fishermen's general manager, says tales of cutlery moving on its own, disembodied voices and shadowy figures have actually been good for business.

Robilliard recalls a recent instance when diners tried to send a text message from their table. But instead of the intended message, Robilliard says only one word flashed on the recipient's mobile phone: death.

"People dine at the Five Fishermen to experience something or to be a part of the history of this building," he says.

More eerie experiences await just up Carmichael Street at one of the city's most recognizable sites, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site.

The British fort, completed in 1856, offers 90-minute tours exploring every dark nook and cranny where the ghosts of former soldiers are said to lurk.

A steep walk down some 33 stone steps on the southwest demi-bastion leads to a pair of dark, dank rooms with a half-dozen metal cots and grimy, barred windows — a former prison for soldiers.

Hal Thompson, the site's visitor experience officer, remembers one visitor to the site who said she spied a uniformed man enter a room and seemingly vanish. The woman was unaware of the site's ghostly reputation and wanted to know how the man — whom she presumed to be a staff member — managed to leave undetected from a room with only one exit.

At first, Thompson says he joked that perhaps the woman had seen a ghost. But then he began to wonder.

"It doesn't make any sense. There should not have been anyone there wearing that uniform and disappearing into thin air like that," he recalls. "So that's a fairly convincing story." THE CANADIAN PRESS

If you go ...

- **Five Fishermen Restaurant and Grill**
  fivefishermen.com
- **Alexander Keith's Brewery**
  keiths.ca
- **Tattle Tours of Nova Scotia**
  halifaxghostwalks.com
- **The Halifax Ghost Walk**
  thehalifaxghostwalk.com

OTHER SITES

Ghosts galore

Other sites that are rumoured to be haunted can be found in and around Halifax's historic harbour.

Near the waterfront is the Alexander Keith's brewery, which is said to be inhabited by the ghost of the brewmaster himself. McNabs Island, accessible only by boat (ghost ship not required), is reputed to

be haunted by the ghost of a former resident who was found drowned.

At least two companies in Halifax offer ghost walk tours for visitors eager to learn about the creepier side of the city.

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Jamaica has a Dogsled team

Farm near Ocho Rios offers visitors the chance to take a dogsled ride in an unlikely locale

HANDOUT

▶ A musher takes tourists for a dogsled ride through the Jamaican countryside.

You can find a perfect example of the Jamaican spirit in an unexpected place: the Chukka Cove Farm, home to the 30 or so mutts that comprise the Jamaican dogsled team.

"It's about the can-do attitude of Jamaicans," says founder Danny Melville, 64, as he rattles off several other examples of Jamaicans' determination, including reggae music and the beloved Olympic bobsled team.

Located near Ocho Rios, in St. Ann Parish, his Chukka farm offers visitors an opportunity to ride on a dry-land sled pulled by 15 dogs, all of them strays that Chukka has adopted. It's one of several thrill rides offered by Chukka Caribbean Adventures.

Melville, who lives in Toronto, was first drawn to the concept when he spotted a dry-land sled while shopping for dune buggies in Alberta.

He thought a dogsled tour would be a great addition to Chukka's dozens of other offerings, which include everything from flying through the trees on a zipline and riding an ATV into the mountains to taking a pilgrimage on the Zion Bus Line through musical history to Bob Marley's birthplace.

You can even go swimming in the ocean on horseback, a signature tour that Melville says he pioneered himself nearly three decades ago.

It was a challenge for Melville, who had only ever seen sled dogs on television, to put together the team.

"You're getting a bunch of dogs off the street and they're kind of looking at you like, 'What do you mean, pull?' What is this all about?'" says Melville.

Visitors who take the tour will get to meet and greet the dogs before the ride.

They'll also get to experience the only dogsled museum south of the Arctic Circle before the thrilling ride.

"When we hook up 15 or 16 dogs to that sled, you fly," says Melville.

Today the dogsled team, which Melville says is the only such operation in the Caribbean, is much more than the adventure tour that it was intended to be.

In addition to taking visitors on high-speed dry-land runs, some of Chukka's mushers compete in races, from smaller ones in Ontario to the world-renowned Iditarod race in Alaska. The mushers lease dog teams for those endeavours, says Melville, because the Jamaican mutts would freeze to death in the sub-zero temperatures.

"You don't just enter those races by going and paying an entry fee," says Melville. "You have to qualify for those races because you could die. People get frostbite, lose fingers. These are tough races."

The expeditions, which can take two weeks to complete, are a true test of one's ability to survive in some of the world's harshest winter conditions, says Melville.

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Drink of the week

Mango Smoothie

This refreshing drink makes a perfect after-school snack for the little ones. It contains healthy ingredients such as milk, mango and fresh ginger.

- Flesh of 1 large ripe mango, chopped
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) fresh ginger, grated
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) milk, chilled
- 250 ml (1 cup) ice

In a blender, puree the peeled and chopped mango, ginger and orange juice concentrate together until the mixture is smooth. Add milk and ice and blend again.
This recipe makes 500 ml (2 cups).

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Let your creative side shine with their lunches

Believe it or not, school lunches can consist of a lot more than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a juice box Leftovers and deconstructing meals are great places to start

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This Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole takes 10 minutes to make.

Getting creative with kids' lunches can be a bit of a minefield. It can be hard enough to get them to embrace new foods at home, never mind when they are surrounded by friends at school.

But that doesn't mean you can't break free of the same old sandwich routine. It's just a matter of using foods already in your children's comfort zone, but working with them in new and creative ways.

Leftovers are a great place to start (assuming they were well received the first time around). Plenty of thick stews and chilies can be repurposed as chilled fillings for wraps, especially when topped with shredded cheese. Ditto for salads, including the pasta and potato varieties.

Or consider deconstructing something, such as pasta salad. Put it back together in a way that's fun for kids, as we did for the tortellini veggie skewers. Also, breakfast is great for the beginning of the day and makes a fun supper, so why not consider it for lunch too?

Cold Ham and Cheese Casserole

This "casserole" is a great way to use up leftovers. Feel free to play with the ingredients. Chicken, steak and even chopped leftover hamburgers are fine substitutes for the ham.

Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) low-fat mayonnaise
- 5 ml (1 tsp) apple cider vinegar
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cooked rice (white or brown)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cubed cooked ham
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) shredded cheddar
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced, to garnish

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, stir together mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar. Add rice, ham and cheddar, then mix well.

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Tortellini Veggie Skewers

Preparation:

1. Cut yellow pepper into 6 strips. Using each pepper strip as a skewer, push 2 tortellini onto each strip.
2. Use a paring knife to poke a hole into the top of each cherry tomato and cap end of each pepper strip with a tomato and an olive. Cut slices of turkey and provolone into 6 long strips, then wrap one of each around skewers. Serve skewers with a side of your child's favourite salad dressing.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 yellow bell pepper
- 12 cooked tortellini
- 6 whole black olives
- 6 cherry tomatoes
- 1 slice deli turkey
- 1 slice provolone cheese

Breakfast lunch

This easy pancake and bacon breakfast-lunch let's kids assemble their own meal.

You just need to give them the basics — tiny pancakes, cooked bacon slices, blueberries and maple syrup for dunking.

Preparation:

1. Pancakes: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking soda, sugar and salt. Add yogurt and milk, then whisk until just smooth.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Drop spoonfuls of batter into pan, leaving space between each to allow for spreading. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, flip and cook for an additional 1 to 2 minutes, or until golden and cooked through. Let cool thoroughly before packing.
3. Pack the pancakes with the bacon, fruit and maple syrup on the side in their lunch bags.

Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornmeal
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar
- Pinch salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) plain yogurt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 slices cooked bacon
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) blueberries (or favourite fruit)
- Maple syrup, for dipping

Turn breakfast into lunch with this pancake-bacon combo.

Shake all the hands you can along the way

STUDENT VOICE

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As a second-year business student tired of spending my summers working in retail, I jumped at the opportunity to enrol in the co-operative education option (co-op) offered at my school.

I joined co-op under the impression that I would easily be able to secure meaningful summer employment, but I quickly discovered this was not the case.

I applied to countless jobs and had no difficulty getting interviews; my problem lay in receiving an actual job offer.

I left each interview feeling as if it had gone well, only to be informed a few days later that I had not been chosen as the successful candidate for the job. And I was not alone. Several of my fellow classmates were experiencing the exact same dilemma.

As a well-qualified applicant, this frustrating process led me to wonder which students were being selected for these jobs. It turned out that students with more experience and education, such as third and fourth years and graduates with whom I could not compete, were getting those offers.

Employers shouldn't overlook the applications of promising young students simply because they lack experience.

Students who actively achieve and aim to improve themselves should be given fair consideration from employers; these students should not be automatically placed on the back burner to more senior and experienced applicants.

To compete with more experienced applicants, younger students should take advantage of the many opportunities offered by universities, such as volunteering, conferences and competitions.

By making an effort to get involved, students can develop relevant skills to their field of study, as well as establish relationships and build their professional network. When participating in extra-curricular activities, you never know what opportunities will present themselves or who you might meet.

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▶ Erin Hayes

What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- Becoming involved within your school through student groups, conferences and competitions is a great way to develop career-related skills and build your resumé.
- Get to know your professors and attend as many on-campus networking events as you can. Although relevant skills and a strong GPA are important, my story highlights that who you know is often equally as important.

Where Erin is now

I had nearly resorted to handing out resumés at the local mall when an opportunity arose.

I was contacted by a professional I had met during a networking event hosted by a student society I belonged to. My professor had spoken with this individual and requested that they consider me for a job before formally posting the position, and following the interview I was fortunate enough to receive a job offer.

My story has proven that although what you know is undoubtedly the most important, who you know can't hurt.

School supplies?

Are you a divorced parent dealing with back to school? Help is here

Balancing the school budget can get complicated when you and your child's other parent are not together. Here are some tips to the scholastic year fiscally fair, even if you are not divorced.

Balance needs versus wants Make a list of "needs" and agree that kids will get a few "wants" met. Allocate a set dollar amount they are free to spend.

Set the budget before you go shopping Before you venture into a store set a non-negotiable budget. This is not just for their purposes but also to keep parents from caving in.

Make a detailed list before you hit the stores We know not to go grocery shopping when hungry and the same rule applies for back-to-school shopping. There are many purchase temptations to abstain from, even for the strong-willed.

Set the budget for extracurricular activities before you sign up Set a budget per child that covers lessons, equipment and other hidden costs, then engage in a conversation with the kids and the other parent to ensure you are not doubling up on activities or creating a conflicting schedule.

Empower your kids financially Allot an allowance for extra purchases and one for necessities to engage kids in responsible budgeting and shopping at an early age.

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Your pre-boot action plan

Keep those contacts close to you just in case the worst does happen

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Should the axe fall and your job get severed, career counsellors warn, you'll have to get by with a little help from your friends.

Except, big problem: If you're like the average laid off employee, your friends will all be left behind in that same burning building.

That's why career counsellors recommend you foster industry friendships far beyond the block where you work, while you're still working.

"It's much easier to have that network ready in place when you need it than to try to scramble and connect the people at the last minute," About.com jobseekers' guru Alison Doyle cautions. "Then all of a sudden you're begging people."

And that, she explains, is what you'd least like to be doing: scrounging strangers for jobs.

Instead, agrees Connecting With Success author Kathleen Barton, your network should be in constant development, a regular exchange of favours and tips.

"It's about building mutually beneficial relationships, where you're not always asking for help when you're contacting them," she says. "Maybe you're giving updates, or finding out how they're doing, or how you can support them."

Or maybe you're just calling to say howdy — one friendly lunch hour phone call at a time.

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▶ Who you gonna call?

Find The Little Reasons

Great networking, Barton offers, is about seizing those little excuses to reach out to a mere acquaintance.

"There are so many creative ways you can do that," she says. Holidays help —and not just the passé ones like Christmas and birthdays. Think Halloween, she suggests.

"Rather than Christmas, when everybody gets cards, I send Thanksgiving cards to let them know I'm thinking about them," she adds.

4 sports

Sports in brief

TD Waterhouse Stadium is being considered as a possible location for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to play at next year while their new stadium is under construction.

Western's Susan Grindrod said there have been no discussions with the Ticats, but the university would welcome the opportunity.

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Wozniacki mum on new coach

After winning at U.S. Open, No. 1 player talks about her love life but not who's coaching her

It's funny what questions some people will and won't answer.

Take the world's top-ranked tennis player, Caroline Wozniacki.

Her boyfriend? Sure, she's been seeing Rory McIlory of late.

Her new coach? Well, that, Wozniacki insists, must remain a mystery.

Wozniacki opened her latest quest for her first Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain yesterday. It was a drama-free match in Arthur Ashe Stadium that left the most interesting stuff for the post-match interview.

How were things going with McIlroy, golf's reigning U.S. Open champion whom she started dating this summer?

"You know, he has something I'm looking for and I have something he's looking for," she said. "He wants to be No. 1. So it's good to have something on each other."

Does the No. 1 ranking, when it's not accompanied by a major title, feel like a burden or an honour?

"I'm trying to stay up there as long as possible, and it doesn't really matter what people are saying," she said. "No one can ever take that away from me."

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▶ Caroline Wozniacki returns a shot against Nuria Llagostera Vives yesterday.

And why not end the suspense and tell us who that new coach of yours is?

"Yeah, well, I have to respect him, as well," she said. "So if he wants to be in the background and not have his name out, I have to respect that."

Though she's refusing to name names, Wozniacki is clearly looking for another gear and a few more weapons as she tries to add to a resumé that includes 46 of the last 47 weeks at No. 1 but no major championships and only one trip to a Grand Slam final — two years ago at the U.S. Open, when she lost to Kim Clijsters.

She had what some viewed as a rough summer, losing her first match at both Toronto and Cincinnati — considered key lead-ups to the year's last Grand Slam. But last week, she won for the fourth straight year at New Haven, and suddenly, the critics seem more like alarmists.

"I know that I'm back on track," she said. "I know that everyone has to write their stories, but I think we should move on. Ask me about something else, something more interesting."

There wasn't much interesting about this match, except maybe for the observation that Wozniacki didn't need to bring out any new weapons to defeat Llagostera Vives, the diminutive counterpuncher ranked 125th and playing her first singles match on the U.S. Open show court.

"I'm No. 1 in the world, and of course I can still improve."
CAROLINE WOZNIACKI

This was typical Wozniacki — steady groundstrokes and long points, made longer on a surface that players say has been playing slower this year.

Elsewhere on the second day at the U.S. Open, No. 4 seed Victoria Azarenka defeated Johanna Larsson of Sweden 6-1, 6-3. She reached her first Grand Slam semi earlier this year at Wimbledon and is another good candidate to win in a wide-open women's field.

"I always take it match by match," she said. "But I have been closer to my goals, so I can only look and stay positive and keep getting better."

Vancouver's Rebecca Marino and Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls both lost their first-round matches yesterday.

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Engine

Getting the Beetle up to speed is handled by three distinct powerplants.

Base models come with a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine that pretty much carries over from the New Beetle. Optional is VW's popular 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (TDI) that offers a very real alternative to most gas-electric hybrids when overall fuel economy and initial purchase cost are factored in.

The top-rung and most performance-focused Beetle features a 200-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that also returns slightly better fuel economy than the base five-cylinder.

'Adult contemporary'

The 2012 Beetle features more people-friendly dimensions.

The distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased to create some much-needed rear-seat legroom as well as a more generous stowage area with either the 50:50 split rear seat occupied or folded flat.

On the inside, the term "adult contemporary" comes to mind.

A sense of purpose and sportiness prevails with easy-to-read dials and massive air vents at either end of the dashboard.

Different look

Gone is the New Beetle's oval, almost cartoonish appearance, replaced by a longer hood and flatter roofline that ends in a rounded hatchway flanked by a set of prominent taillights.

Overall it's a look that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, who sculpted the original Beetle nearly three-quarters of a century ago, would likely approve of.

▶ Although it looks lower, it's really because the Beetle is longer and wider than before. Three engine choices greet buyers with the turbo-diesel being our choice for around-town pep and excellent economy.

Catch the VW Bug all over again

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The new 2012 Beetle represents another step back to the future for an iconic brand that is simply too good to let slip away.

The world held its collective baited breath when Volkswagen launched the New Beetle back in the late 1990s, before surging forward to scoop up as many of the reconstituted Bugs as the German automaker could produce.

Not many years later, the New Beetle had become not so new and its popularity waned.

Although the convertible version maintained a respectable degree of popularity, the hatchback model seemed to drift unchecked year after model year.

Following a one-year absence, the Beetle is back this fall with sharper styling, a roomier and up-to-date interior and more available power. Yes, and the name has been shortened to just plain Beetle, if you please.

That the car is returning at all is a gutsy move. After all, nobody begrudged Chrysler for cashiering the PT Cruiser econo-hot rod following its lengthy run and well after its "best-before" date had come and gone. But VW management obviously thought the Beetle brand was worth continuing.

What has emerged is a well-balanced and sportier shape that also projects the necessary degree of charm that pays homage to that original look.

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By comparison

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▶ "Being involved with leading edge technology is a great opportunity to motivate and develop our people," commented Ray Tanguay (inset), after his Toyota plant in Woodstock, Ont., was confirmed to produce the all-electric RAV EV.

Sergio Marchionne is the high-flying and much-quoted president of Fiat and Chrysler. But he isn't the only Canadian making an impact on the global automotive stage.

After a promotion earlier this year, Ray Tanguay became the highest-ranking non-Japanese executive at Toyota Motor Corporation.

During Toyota's recall difficulties, he was asked by Toyota's numero uno executive, president Akio Toyoda, to help draft a Global Vision Business Plan, which would ultimately guide the Toyota mothership back on course.

Tanguay believed he received the invite to craft a plan because he made "the biggest noise" about Toyota losing its way. The gist of his vision was that Toyota's immense workforce, scattered all over the globe, needed a greater sense of mission and empowerment. To that end, he suggested more local decision-making and direct access to the top decision-makers in Japan.

Toyoda liked Tanguay's plan so much he immediately added the title of senior managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation to Tanguay's already considerable portfolio. There are only three such positions worldwide, and they are just one rung below that of the board of directors.

Currently his two other titles are: Senior Vice President, Toyota Motor North America; and Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.

The plan is far from his only accomplishment. He continues to champion more production and research facilities on this continent. He oversaw the growth of Toyota's

Canadian production in Cambridge, Ont., and its evolution into a perennial winner of international quality awards. This made it easy for Toyota to send Lexus RX 350 production there in 2003 — still the only Lexus plant outside of Japan. And when Toyota was looking to open a North American plant to build its RAV4, Tanguay came up with a novel proposal — build the RAV4 plant in nearby Woodstock, as a satellite facility of the Cambridge plant.

Another recent accomplishment: The "house that Ray built" in Woodstock just received confirmation this month, that it will be the first North American Toyota facility to build an electric vehicle. In fact, the RAV EV will be built on the same line as the gasoline-powered RAV4.

Tanguay has French Canadian roots. Silver-haired, tall, and dignified, he reminds one of another charismatic French Canadian leader — Jean Beliveau, the legendary and graceful captain of the Montreal Canadians.

I don't know if Tanguay ever played hockey. But seeing that he was born and raised in Mattice, a remote town in northern Ontario, I'm betting he did. And I'm betting that underneath the controlled persona is someone just like Beliveau, someone with a lot of drive, passion, and competitive fight.

Top Gear

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1 The slick Shelby Cruiser from Felt Bicycles bears the name of racer/car builder Carroll Shelby and is intended to be a two-wheel interpretation of the mid-'60s Mustang-based GT350. The bicycle boasts a hydroformed tank frame (shaped using hydraulic fluid pumped into a hollow aluminum tube under high pressure), Shimano Nexus-brand three-speed gearing, black 36-spoke super-wide rims and a special double front fork (one of which is spring-loaded). feltbicycles.com.

2 The Traffic Jam logic puzzle from ThinkFun has been challenging millions of players for more than 25 years. The idea is to slide the blocking vehicles in such a way so that the path is clear for the red-coloured car to exit the game board. Sounds simple enough, but after trying it ourselves we can attest to the skill and smarts needed to free the car from its gridlocked position. Check with your local toy outlet, or order online at thinkfun.com. **WHEELBASE**

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RL as reliable as luxury sedans can get

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Research the used luxury sedan market, and you'll likely find the Japanese knack for effective engineering and reliable electronics has translated into some of the more reliable luxury sedans on the road today.

The last-generation Acura RL is one such sedan.

With a plethora of features culminating in the most comprehensively-equipped sedan Honda's ever built, RL shoppers can look for navigation, Bluetooth, voice command, an advanced audio system, automatic climate control, steerable xenon lights and an intelligent key system, as well as plenty more.

2005 to 2008 Acura RL

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Engine

All RL models got a 3.5-litre, 290 horsepower V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD). There's no V8 engine available.

What owners like

Drivers of this generation RL report enjoying a comfortable and quiet ride, agile handling, "under-the-radar" styling and great long-haul comfort during road trips. Masterful build quality and materials impressed many owners, as did Acura's promise of reliable performance.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include small, fussy and complicated controls for the navigation and audio system, and a relatively small trunk. Some owners report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

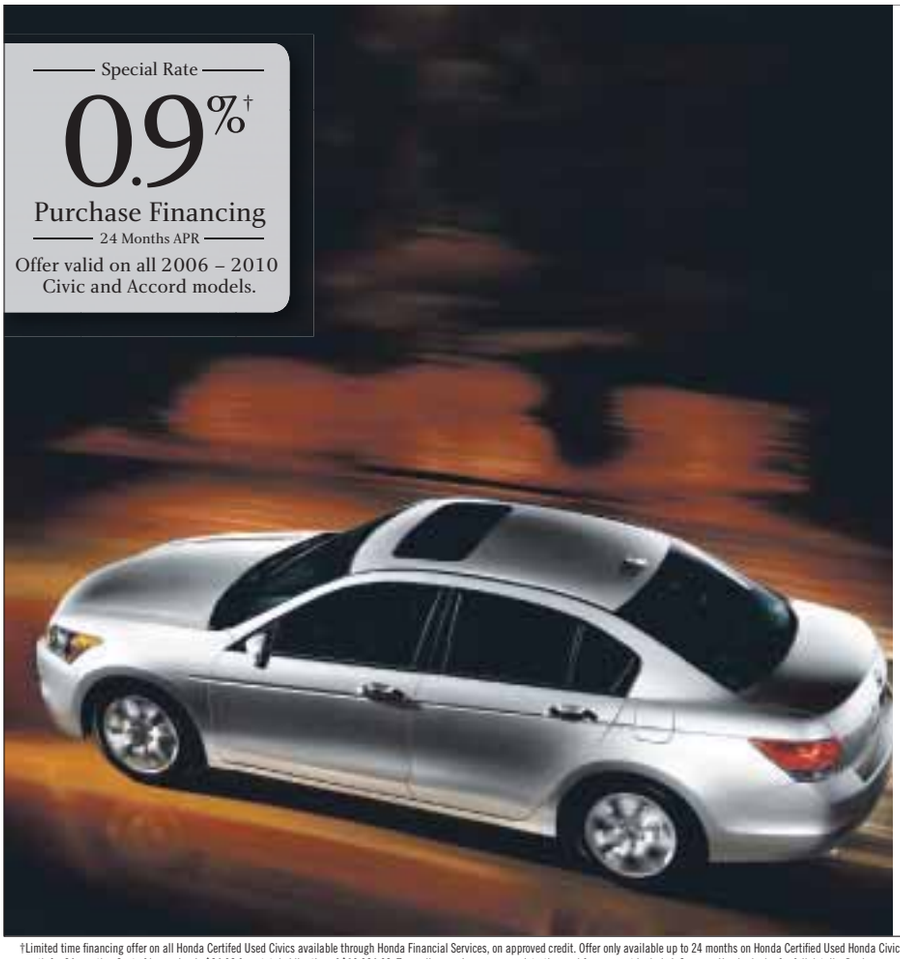
Common issues

Low sales volumes mean Acura RL reliability information is tough to come by, but a few mandatory checks should help shoppers find a healthy unit. Approaching the RL, be sure the intelligent key-fob allows you to lock and unlock the doors with a touch on the handle. Look inside the wheelwells for signs of rust, as well as underneath the doors and around the trunk lid. Check for fluid leaks around the engine, transmission and transaxle.

Verdict

Concerns and trouble areas seem limited mainly to minor interior problems, and the RL ultimately appears to be a solid bet with a solid drivetrain.

Budget for a full fluid change and tune up to be safe.



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From the road to the roof: Recycling tires

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In the past, used tires were primarily a waste product in Ontario, thrown into landfills or shipped to areas that had recycling facilities. Now they're a hot commodity under a program that collects and sends them to be turned into new products.

"Last year we recycled somewhere in the realm of 11 million tires," says Andrew Horsman, executive director at Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS), the industry-run association that administers the program.

"We have seven companies who are using (recycled tire) rubber in the manufacture of finished products, and by the end of this year we will have 10."

Recycling starts with separating the three main components of the tire: its rubber, steel, and nylon or polyester fibre.

It's mostly done through ambient grinding, where the tire is shredded at ambient temperature by huge metal cutters. A smaller percentage is done with a high-tech method called cryogenic grinding. The tire is cut into fist-sized pieces that are then frozen with liquid nitrogen and shattered with a hammer mill.

The steel in the tire is recycled by steel mills, while

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▶ Can you spot the used tires in this photo?

"fibre is the problem child," Horsman says. Most of it is currently burned to run cement kilns and some is used for animal bedding, but Horsman says research is ongoing to find a use for it in molded projects.

Most of the tire is rubber and there are many markets for it. Loose shreds are used for such things as landscape mulch and sports fields, especially rubber that's been ground cryogenically, since its unique shape resists compaction and provides better shock absorption.

Chopped rubber, called crumb, can be turned into a wide range of products including car parts, landscaping and floor tiles, door mats, roof shingles, livestock mats and carpet or floor underlay.

"All of these products are not only 'green' because they're recycled, but they perform better than the products they're replacing," Horsman says.

"There's a roof shingle of composite material made from recycled rubber and it's on par with a steel roof. It's a number of times more expensive than an asphalt shingle, but the installed warranty is 50 years and the product is recyclable at the end of its life. You'll replace an asphalt roof three to four times before you need to replace one of these."

Horsman says that roads built with rubberized asphalt have been successfully proven in Saskatchewan and several U.S. states, and that OTS is working to bring the product to Ontario.

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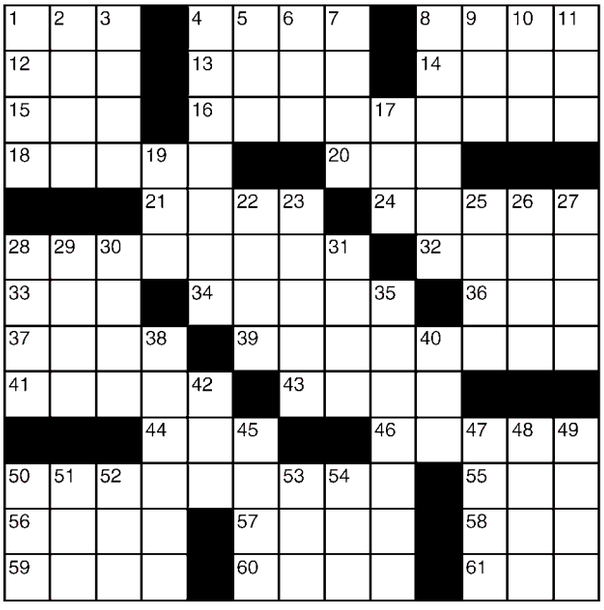

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Sudoku

	9			5			7	
		8	1		7	2		
5								3
7		4				9		6
			4		2			
8		9				1		5
4								8
		6	7		1	3		
	8			3			6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	3	1	6	4	2	5	7	8
2	7	5	8	9	1	6	3	4
4	6	8	5	7	3	2	9	1
3	1	2	7	5	6	4	8	9
7	9	4	2	1	8	3	5	6
5	8	6	4	3	9	1	2	7
8	2	3	9	6	4	7	1	5
1	4	7	3	8	5	9	6	2
6	5	9	1	2	7	8	4	3

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Honey, I love you so much!! This month is so exciting moving in with you, its an awesome new change i cant wait for more excting things to come. We have so many plans and so many dreams and i know they will all work out. I cant Wait!! Love **SWEETHEART <3**

My fairy baki, I always lied in front of you but today in front of everyone, the whole city, I want to apoloize for what i had done. I am sorry. You can only complete me, my half part, my destiny. I miss you a lot dear. Kuchu miss you. I love you .. Tc & please think to come back... **KUCHU LIER**

Muffin, Not a day goes by that I am not thankful to have your love, You have shown me how love is supposed to be and I thank you for that..... I Love you with all my heart and want to be with you forever **PIE**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You know what you are capable of (much more than most people) so get out there and make it happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Venus, planet of love, is strong in the most passionate area of your chart, so make the most of it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It will pay you to come on a little less strong today, especially at work.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Enjoy yourself today. Meet up with your favourite friends and do the kind of things that make you laugh.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You know what needs to be done to resolve a relationship issue and get back on good terms with loved ones.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Listen to advice from those you trust before you act. You have lots to learn.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your merest whim will be catered for by those who adore you today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on things that bring you pleasure today and pretend that bad things do not exist. It's up to you whether you're happy or sad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may prefer to deal in facts but today you will have to take so many things on trust.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Something will grab hold of your imagination and refuse to let go.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Not everyone in this world is motivated by selfishness. Who can you help be a better person today?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You're special, and in some way today, you will prove it. Make the world better. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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